

REPORT

DATE: October 6, 2005

TO: Administrative Committee and Regional Council members

FROM: Sarah Adams (x818)

SUBJECT: California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) membership dues

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize payment of CALCOG annual membership dues for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

SUMMARY:

The California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) was established in 1977, and represents 30 California regional government planning agencies. The functions of the Association include:

- 1) Providing advocacy and liaison in the State Capitol and with administrative agencies.
- 2) Reviewing or proposing statewide legislation, plans, and policies, on subjects agreed upon by members.
- 3) Coordinating policy development and legislative effort, when appropriate, with the league of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, the National Association of Regional Councils and the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.
- 4) Promoting more effective planning at the regional level.
- 5) Conducting statewide workshops and conferences which provide members with an ideal opportunity to discuss key issues, and to learn from recognized experts in various fields.
- 6) Providing an informational clearinghouse on issues of concern to the regions and the state.

CALCOG has been instrumental in conveying information related to the recently passed SAFETEA-LU bill and is a critical component of the state consensus group, which is actively involved in the rulemaking process for California.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG has been a member of CALCOG for many years and has had several past presidents on the board of CALCOG, including, most recently Hon. Judy Mikels (1998-1999).

FISCAL IMPACT:

CALCOG dues are paid partially from the General Fund and partially from the Government Affairs budget. The portion being expensed from the General Fund totals \$7,283 and was budgeted under the previously passed FY2005-2006 General Fund Budget.